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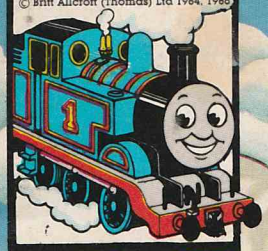

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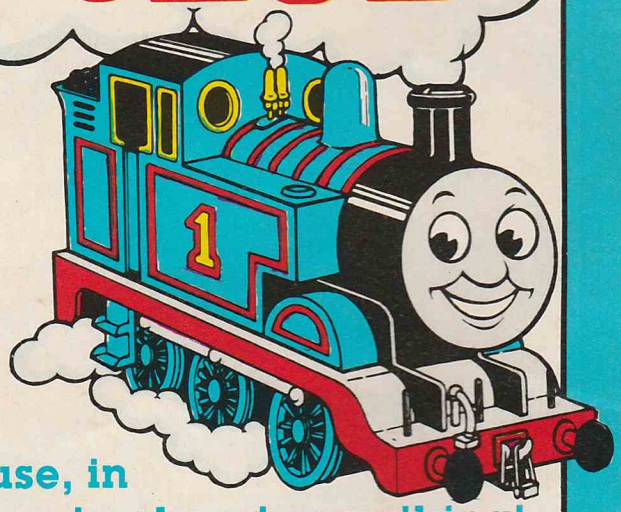

Peep! Peep! In the story beginning on the next page Thomas is out on a very windy day, and oh dear! He gets into trouble! But don't worry – the story continues on page 13 and there's a happy ending. That's because, in Thomas's world, there's a happy ending to almost everything!

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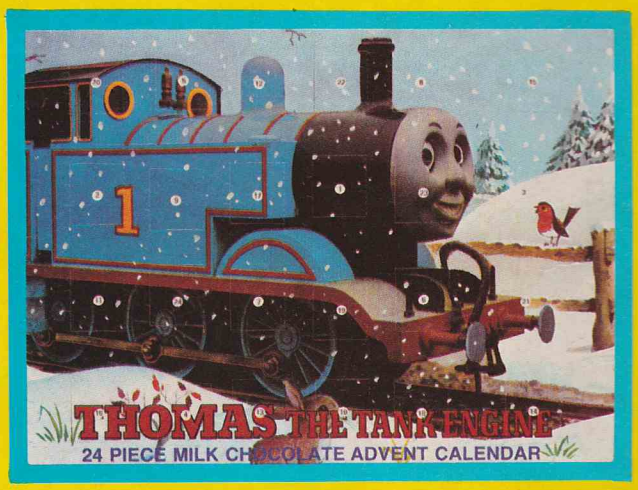

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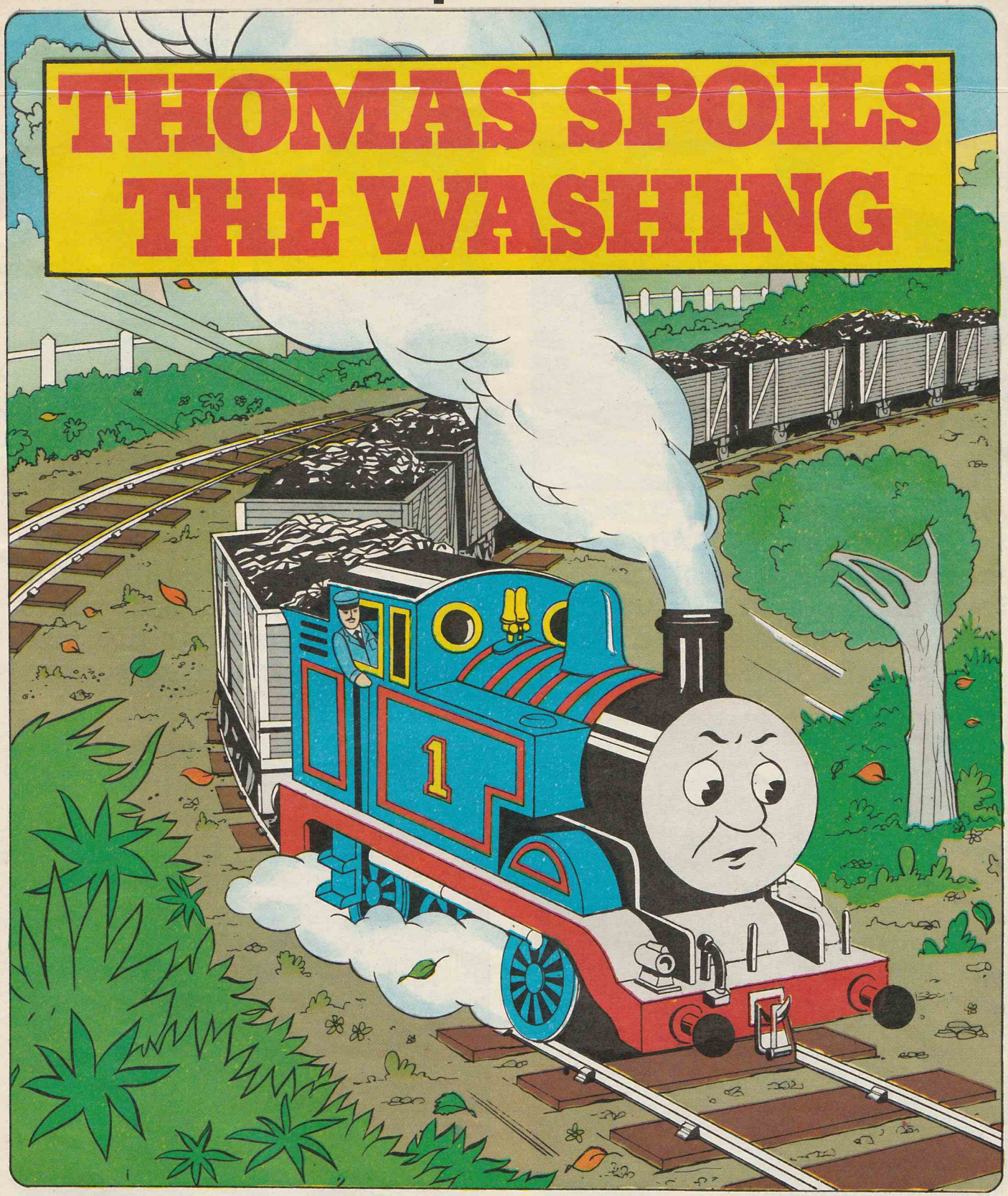
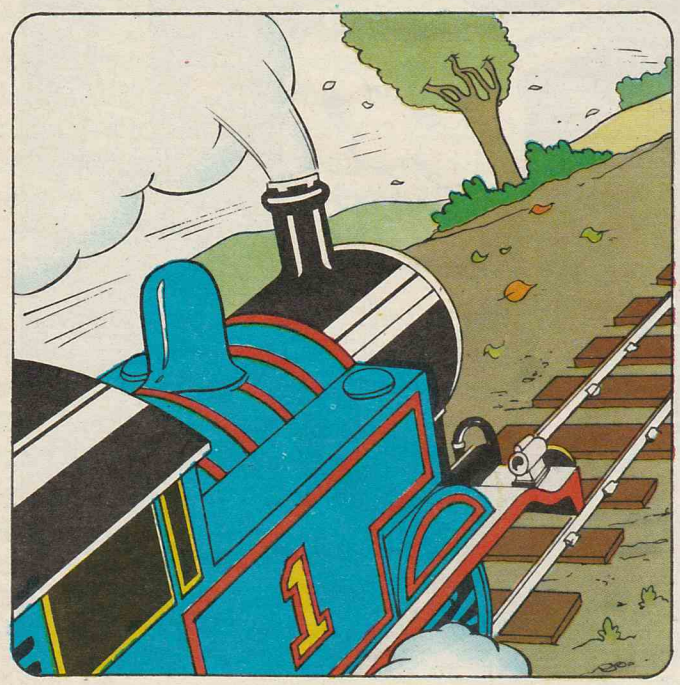


1. It was a windy day. Leaves rushed along the ground and the branches on the trees waved as the wind blew across Thomas's branch line.

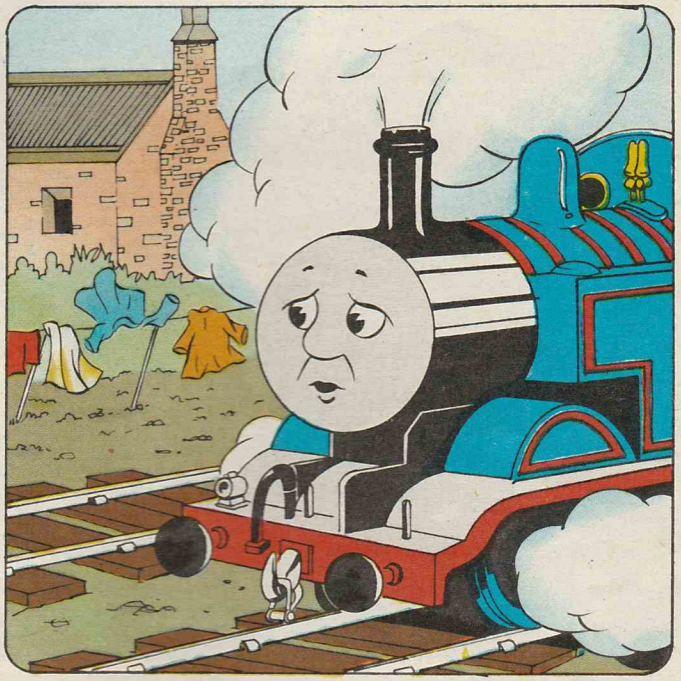
2. Thomas was pulling eight loaded trucks and he had to struggle against the wind. "I will be very glad to get back to the shed today," he told his Driver.

3. Thomas came to a steep hill which made things even harder for him. He had to pull his heavy trucks up the hill and into the wind. The trucks grumbled and clanked.

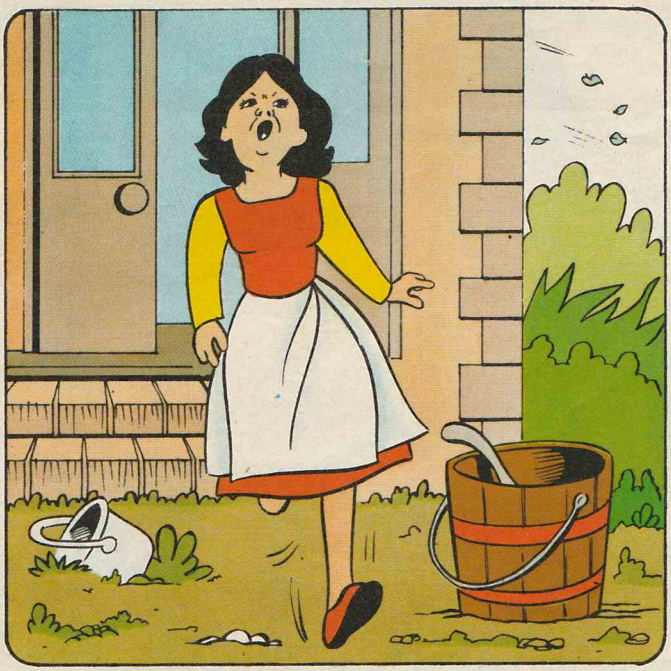
4. "You need some more coal," said his Driver, looking out at the hill. The Fireman shovelled more coal into Thomas's fire and Thomas felt much stronger.



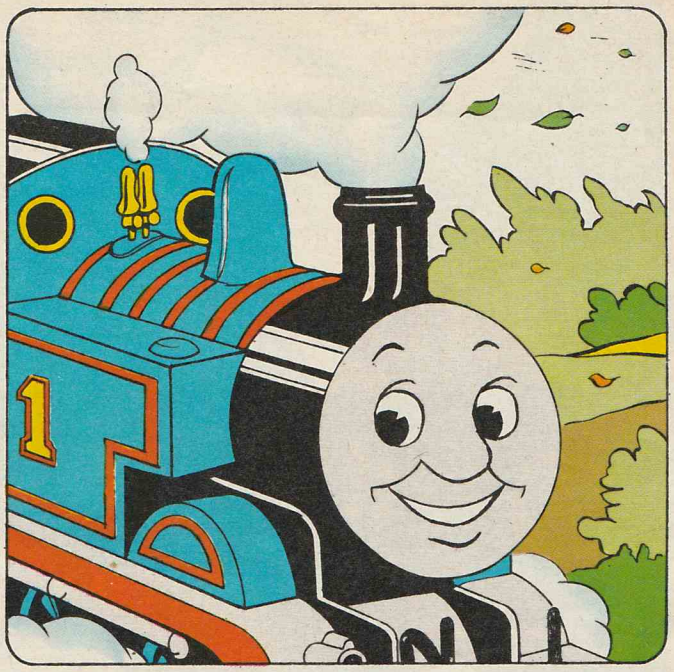
5. As Thomas pulled the trucks up the hill, smoke and steam poured from his funnel. "I can do it, I can do it!" puffed Thomas. Slowly he climbed the hill.



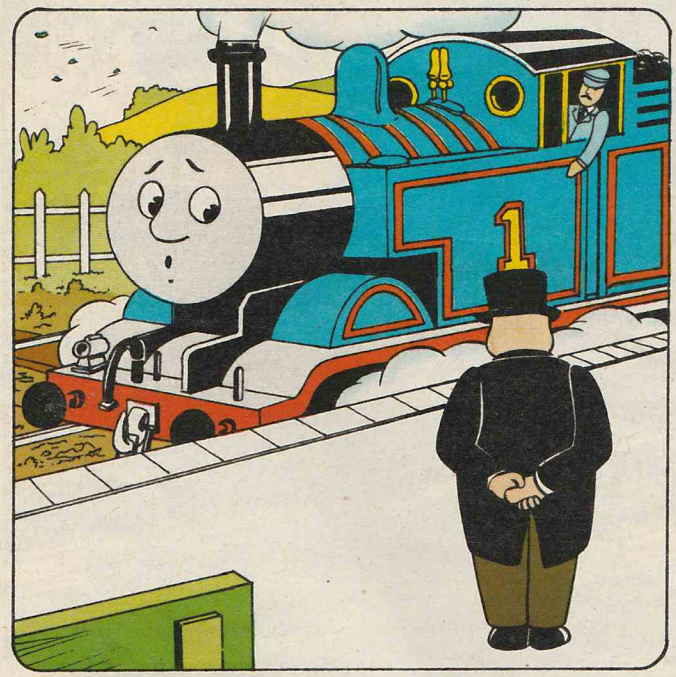
6. At last they reached the top of the hill and passed by a little cottage with a red door. In the garden outside hung some washing on a clothes line.



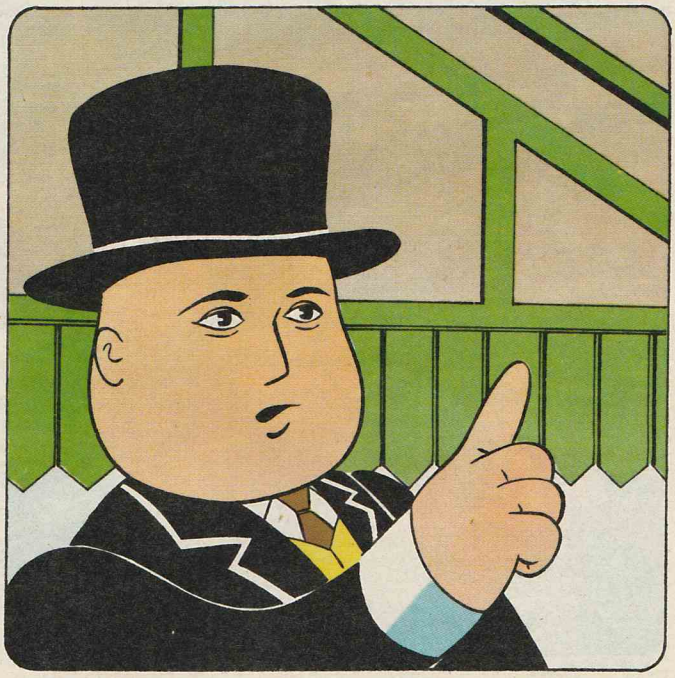
7. As Thomas steamed past, a woman ran out of the cottage and began to wave. She was shouting because smoke was blowing on to her clean sheets.



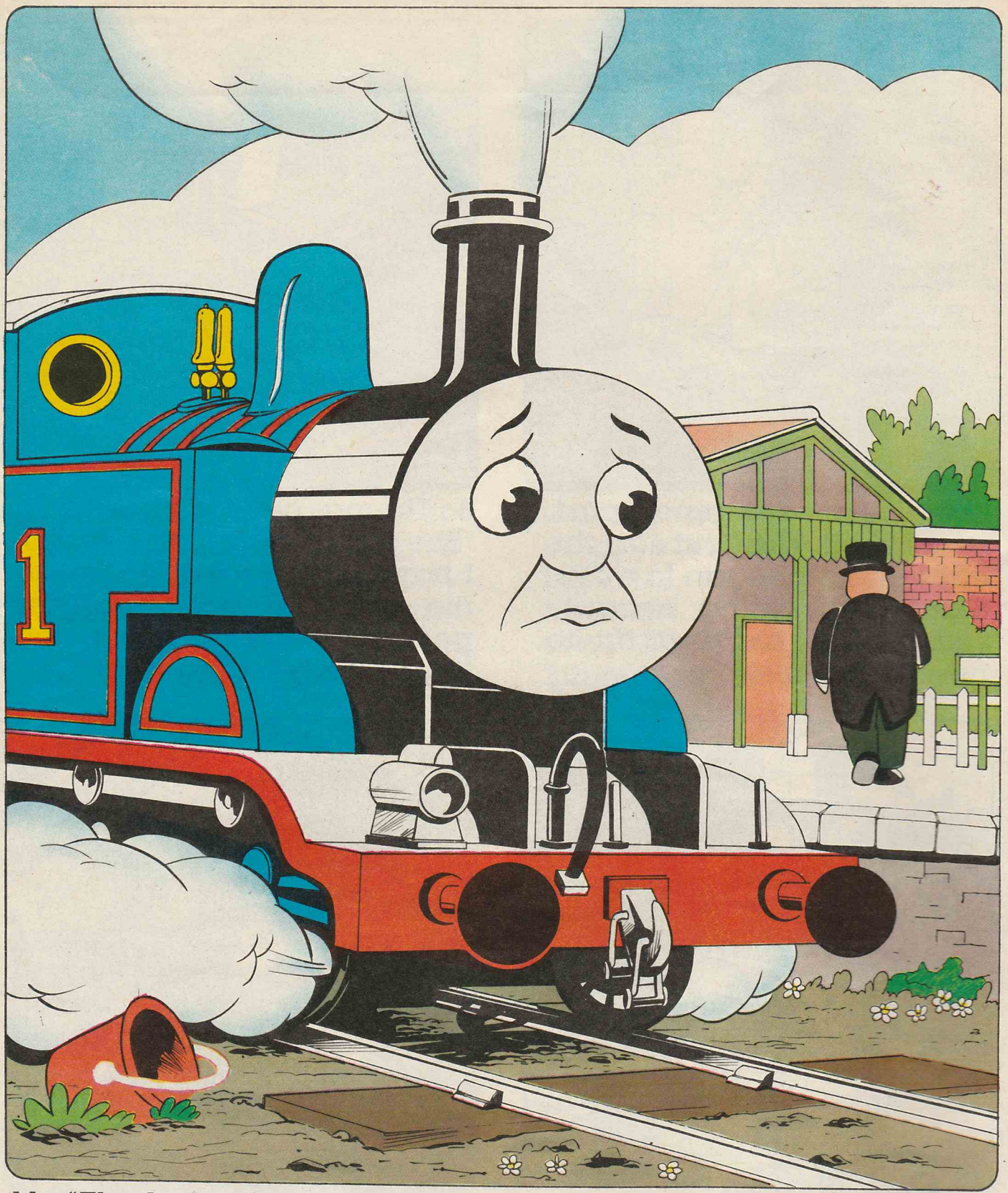
8. Thomas could not hear her. "She is waving at me because I have done so well to get up the hill," he thought. "Peep peep!" he whistled and continued on his journey.



9. The rest of the journey was not so hard and soon Thomas arrived at the station. He was surprised to see the Fat Controller standing on the platform waiting for him.



10. The Fat Controller looked cross. "I have just had a telephone call and I am afraid it was a complaint about you, Thomas," he said, sternly.



11. "The lady who lives in the cottage at the top of the hill says smoke from your funnel went all over the clothes on her washing line and made them dirty again."

12. "You will just have to be more careful of your smoke on a windy day," said the Fat Controller and he walked away. Thomas felt upset as he had not meant any harm.

The story continues on page 13!

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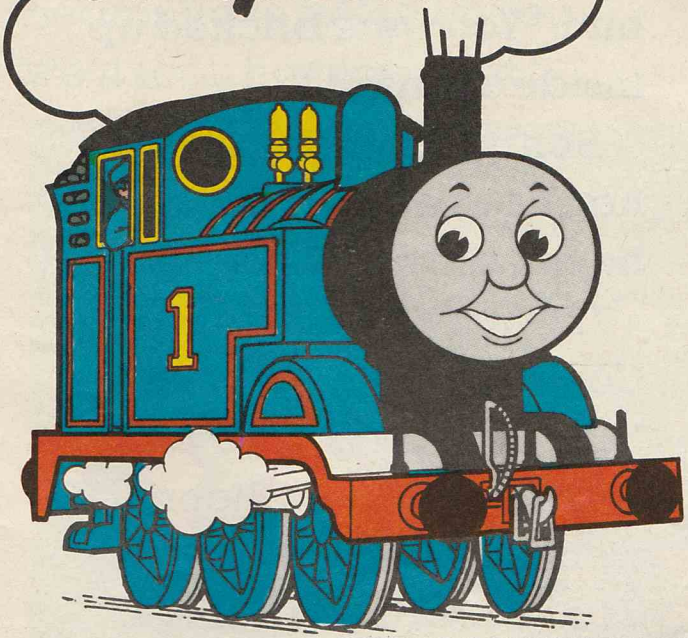

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There had been a terrible storm on the Island of Sodor. Trees had been uprooted in the strong winds. Even the roof of Henry's engine shed had been damaged.

"I don't like the look of that roof," said Henry's driver. "It doesn't look safe."

Henry didn't care. "It's not safe outside either. I might get blown about. I'm not going out today."

"Don't be silly, Henry," said his driver. "It's quite safe. The storm is over now."

"It might come back," said Henry, "and I don't want to catch a chill."

Henry's driver laughed. "Silly. Engines don't catch colds."

"I do," said Henry. "So I am staying in here where it's safe."

Henry's driver could see that Henry wasn't going to move. "Remember what happened the last time you refused to work," his driver reminded him. "You were bricked up inside a **tunnel.**"

Henry remembered. He hadn't liked that one bit. But he still did not want to go out.

"I'll have to tell the Fat Controller," said his driver. "He's not going to be very pleased with you, Henry." He went off to tell the Fat Controller about Henry's misbehaviour.

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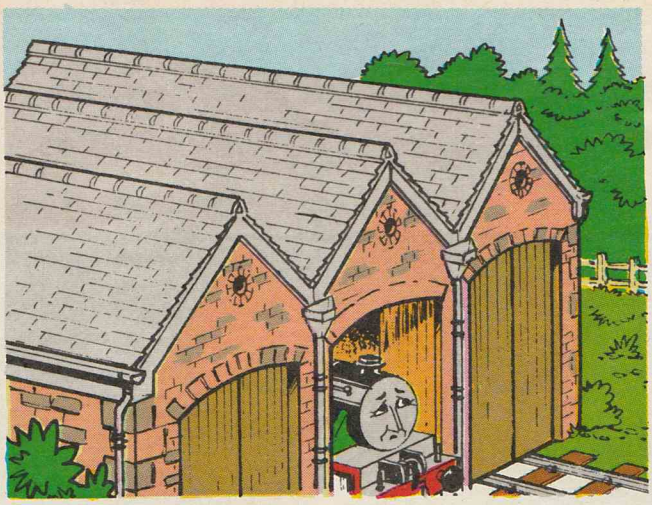


Henry's driver had just left the engine shed when there was a loud crash. He ran back, to find that the roof had fallen in on top of Henry.

"Help, help," cried Henry. "Something terrible has happened!"

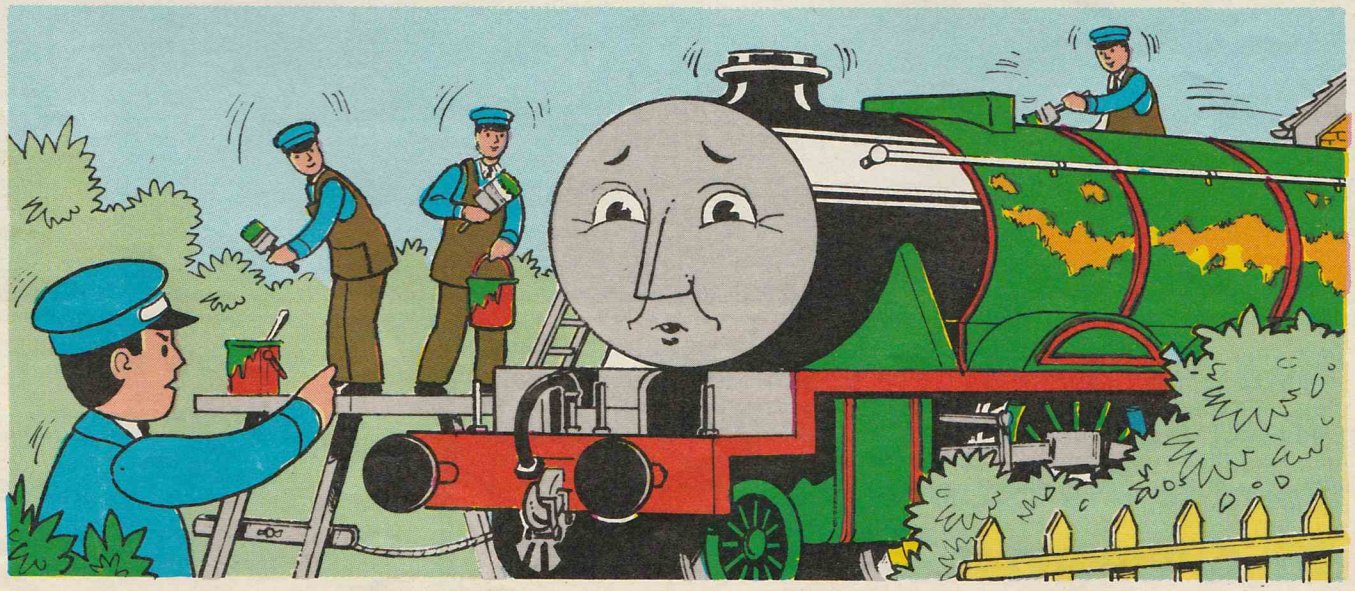
"Don't worry, Henry," said his driver. "Some of the roof beams have fallen on you. We'll soon have you out."

The workmen came and helped to move the roof beams off Henry. It was a long job. The beams were very heavy. But eventually, Henry was free. His driver eased him out of the shed, so that the workmen could mend the roof.

Henry was most upset. His paintwork had been badly scratched.

"You are lucky you were not seriously damaged," scolded his driver. "If you had gone out on time you would not have been in the shed when the roof collapsed."

Henry apologised for being so silly. "I'll listen to what my driver says, next time," he decided, as the men came to paint over his scratchmarks.



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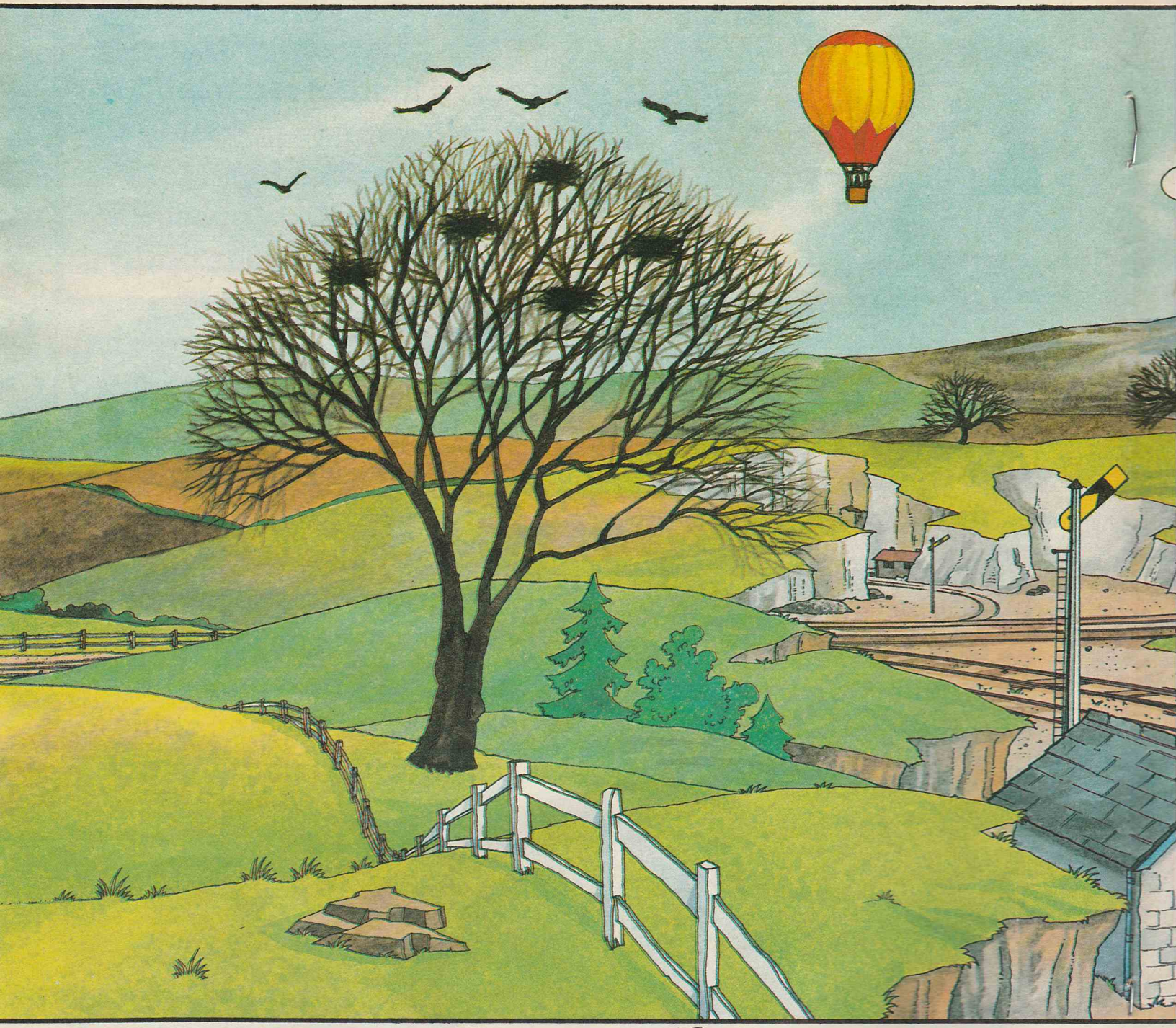

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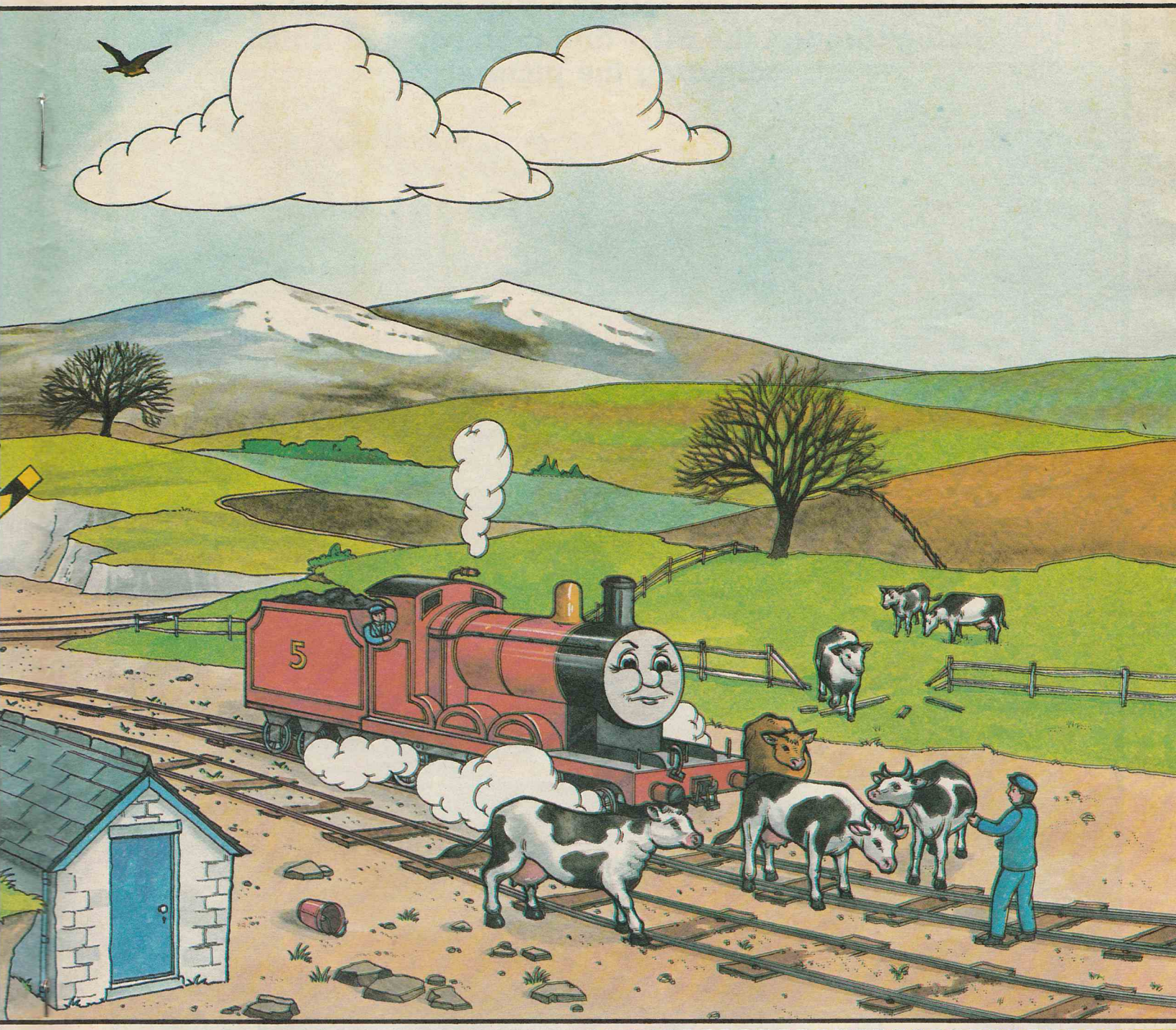

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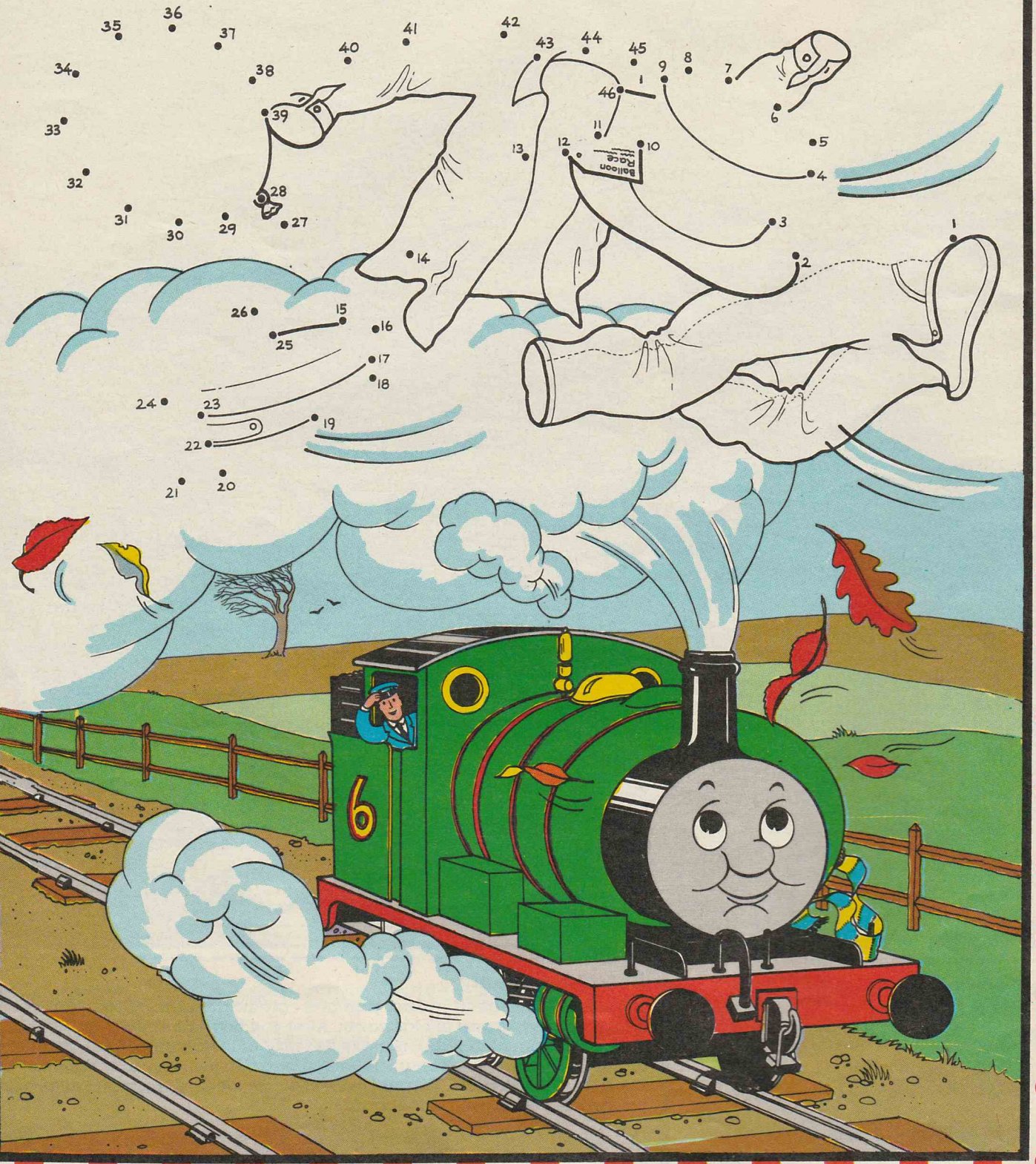
Next: The Christmas post!

JOIN THE DOTS!

What a windy day! Join the dots to see what is flying through the air – and then you can finish colouring the picture!



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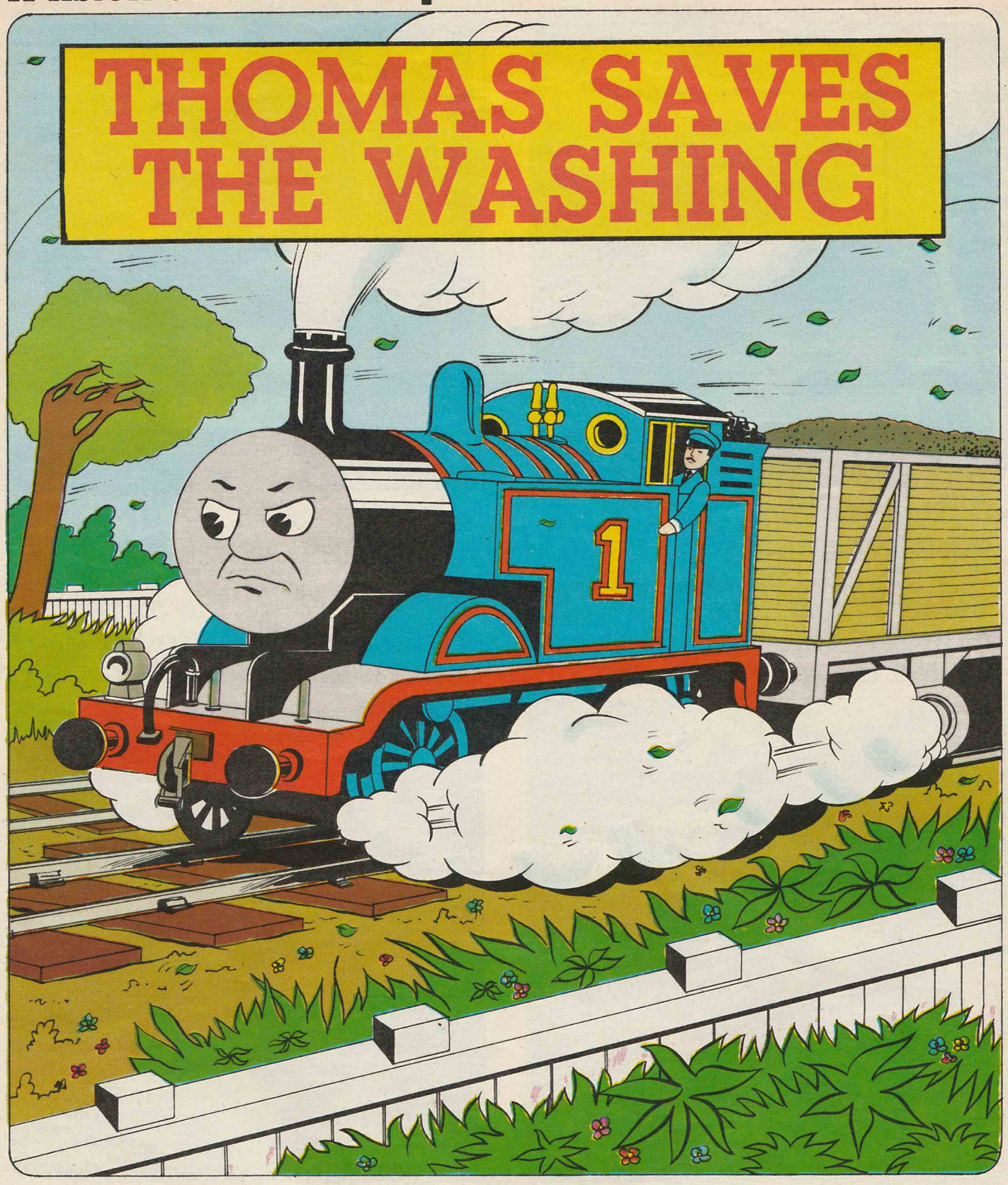
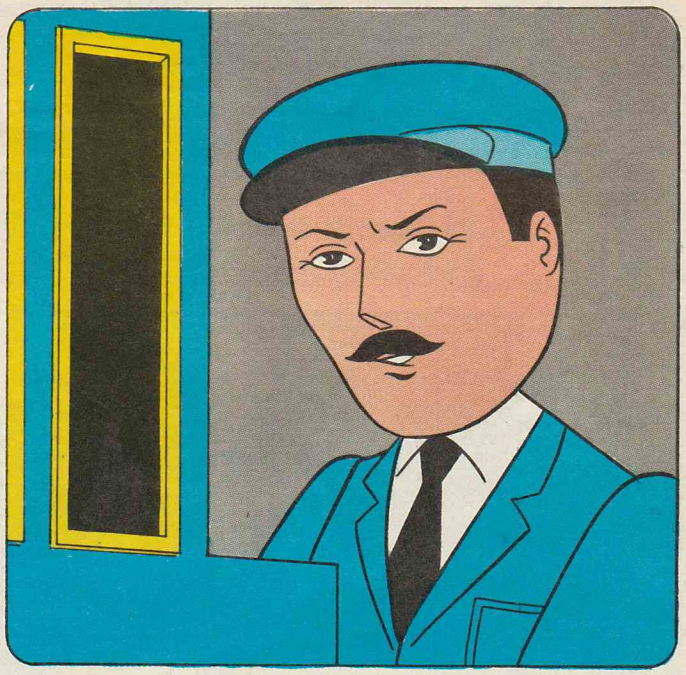


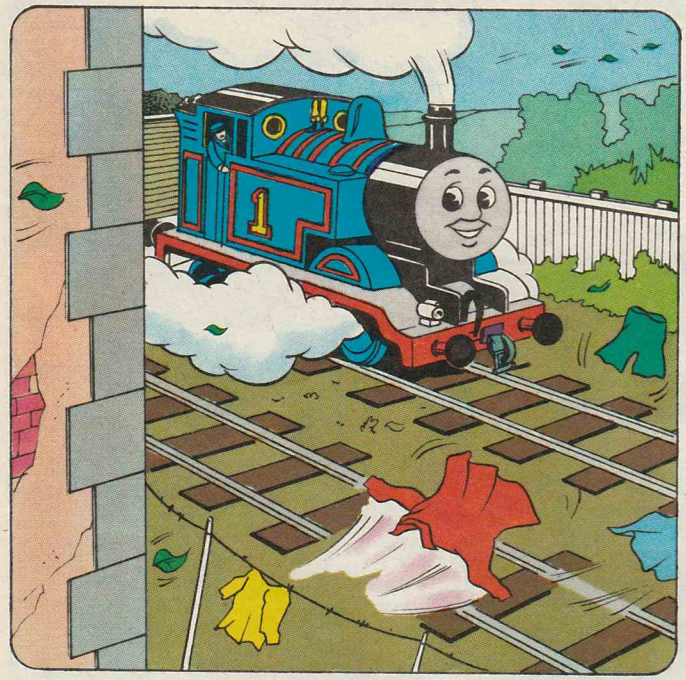
1. It was another windy day on the Island of Sodor. Thomas was working hard again. He was taking trucks carrying gravel for cement to the harbour.

2. He was still feeling upset because the Fat Controller had told him off. "It was not my fault the smoke went on to the washing," he said to himself. "It really wasn't."

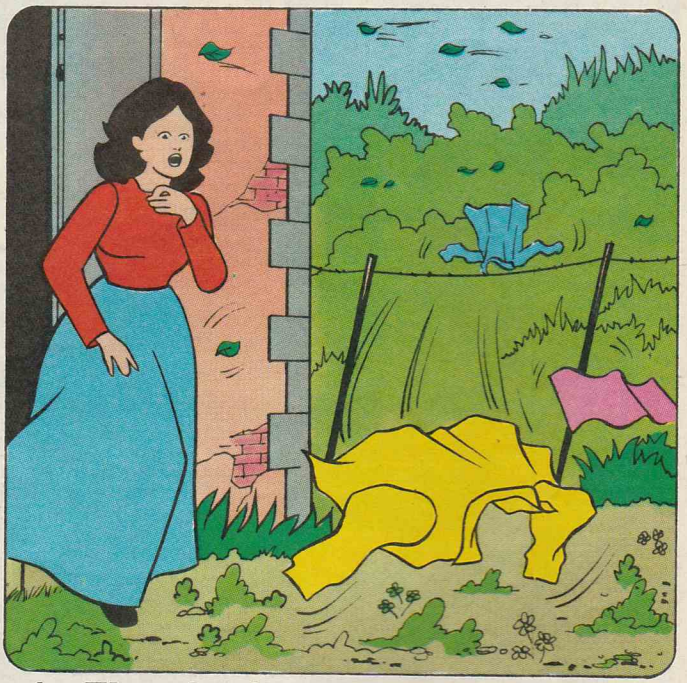
3. Thomas reached the hill again and started to climb. It was just as difficult as before. "I did it before, I'll do it again," said Thomas as he pulled the grumbly trucks.



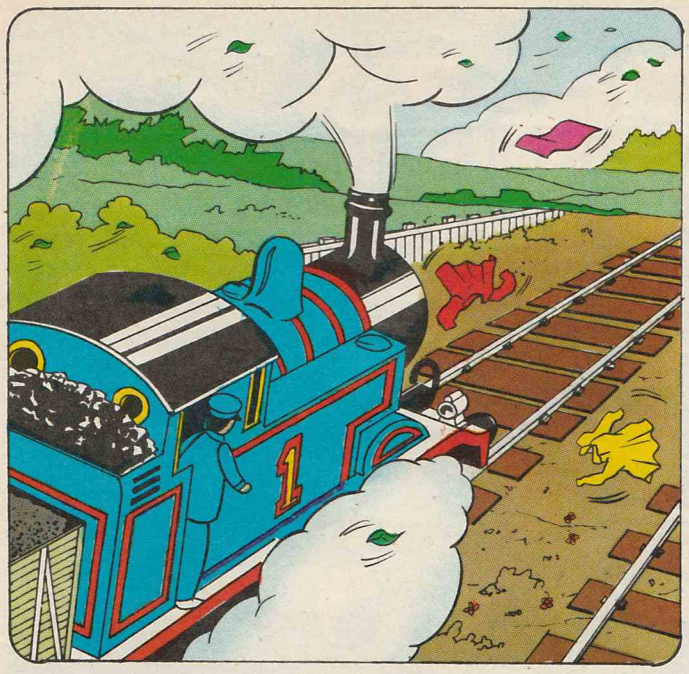
4. "I had better not give you more coal yet," said his Fireman. "We do not want to smoke in case the lady has her washing out again. The wind is blowing her way."



5. When they reached the top of the hill they saw the lady did have her washing out again, but the wind had blown it off the line and down the railway!

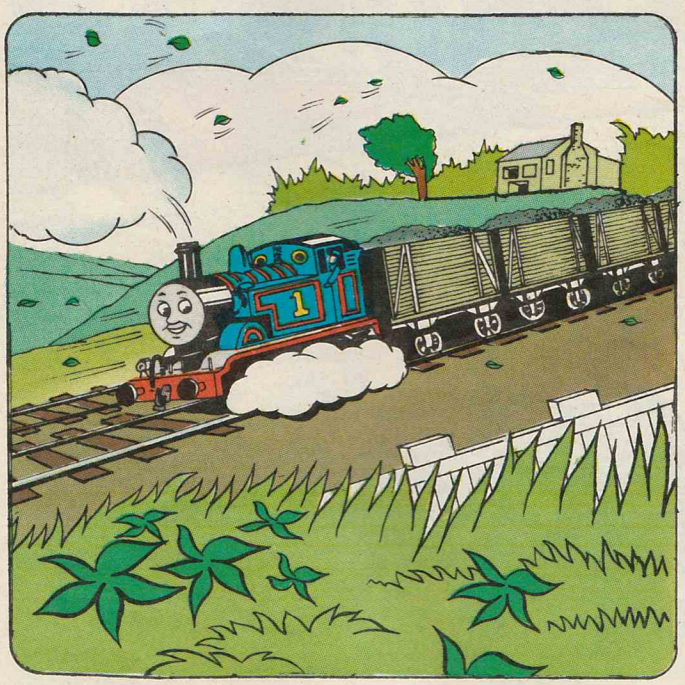


6. The lady ran out of her cottage waving and shouting. But this time she wanted Thomas to save her clothes! "Go on, Thomas," said his Driver. "We can help her this time!"



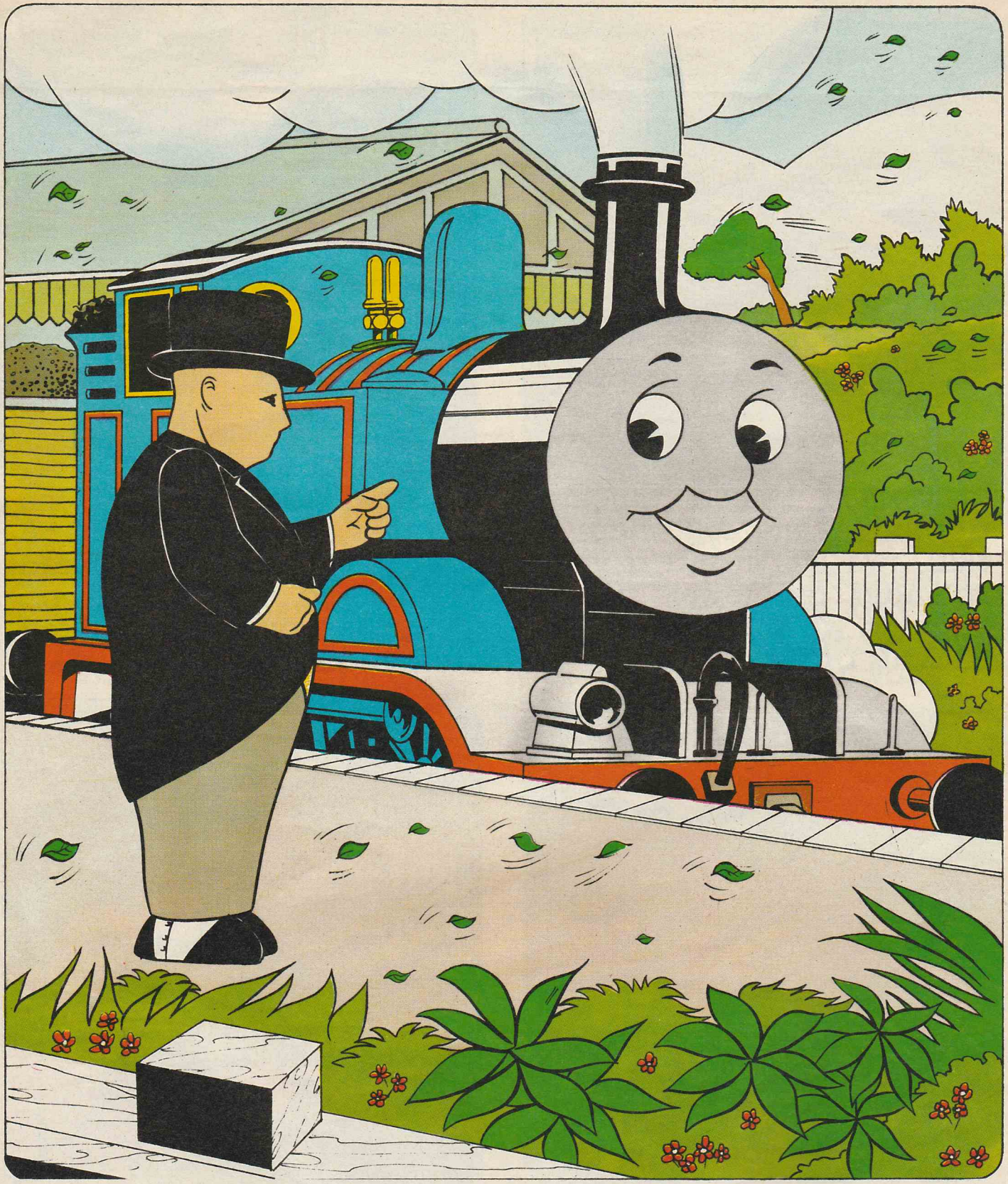
7. Thomas puffed quickly down the line following a skirt, two shirts and a very splendid red towel. "Hurry Thomas, we're nearly there," said his Driver.

8. When they reached the clothes the Driver shut off steam, got out and gathered everything up in his arms. Thomas thought this looked rather amusing.



9. Then Thomas's Driver carefully reversed Thomas and the trucks back up the line to the cottage. The lady was waiting for them and was looking very pleased.

10. "Thank you so much, Thomas," she said. "I am sorry I was cross when you blew smoke over my clothes. It was not your fault, you cannot help which way the wind blows."



11. When Thomas reached the station he saw that the Fat Controller was once again standing on the platform waiting for him. This time he was smiling.

12. "Well done, Thomas!" said the Fat Controller. "The lady has just telephoned to tell me what you did and I am very pleased with you and your Driver."

More fun with Thomas in our next issue!

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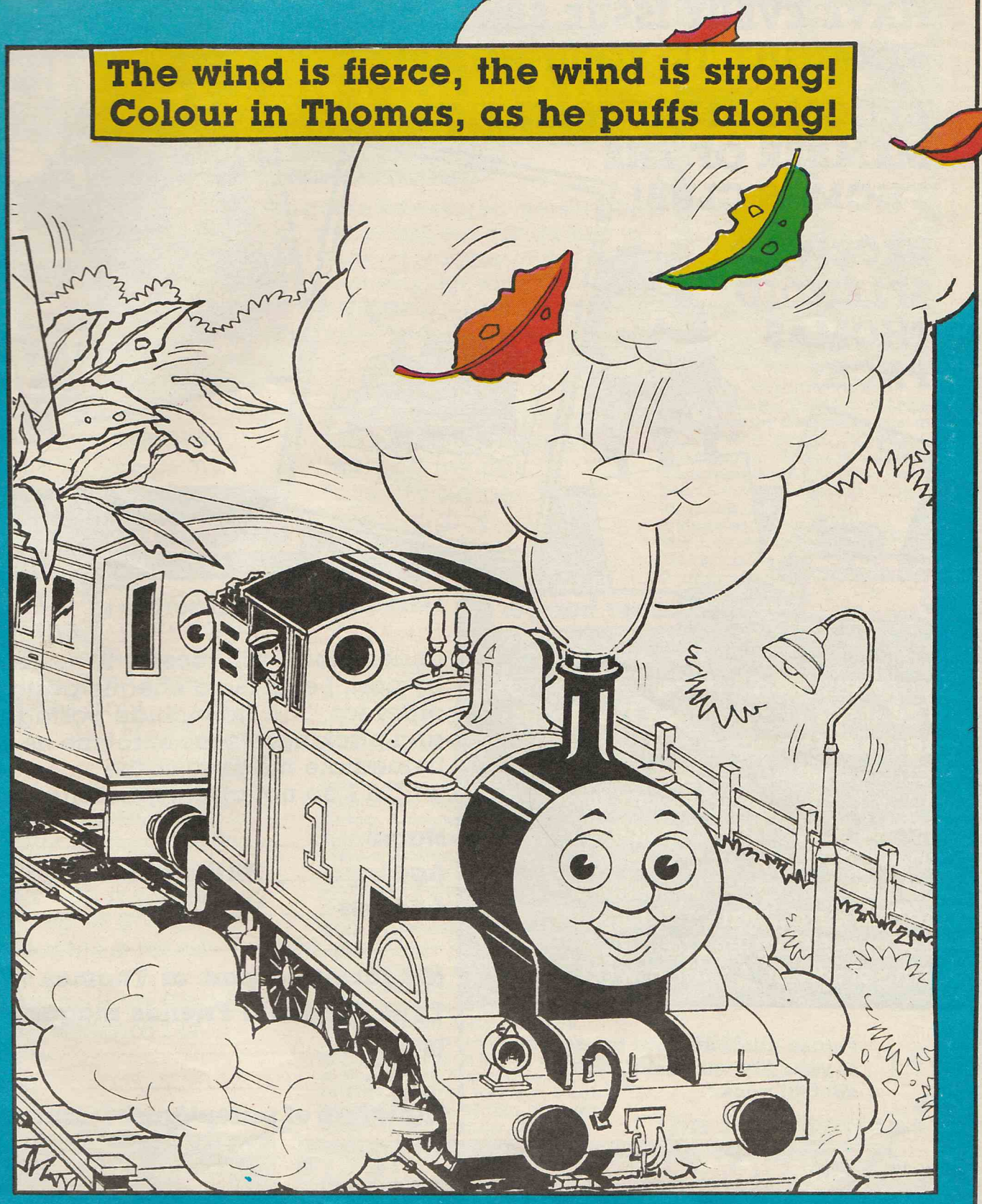

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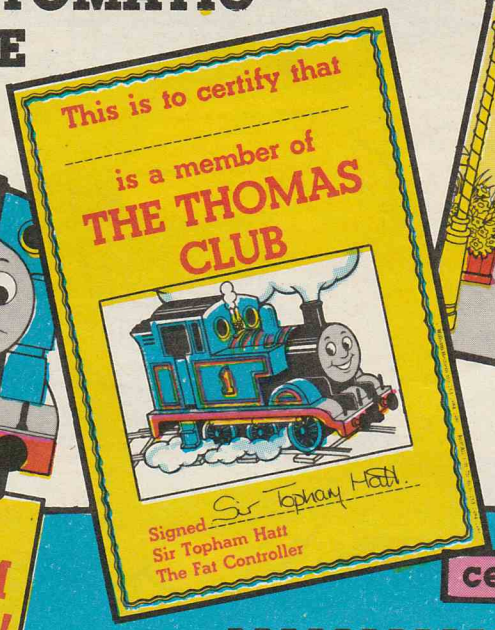

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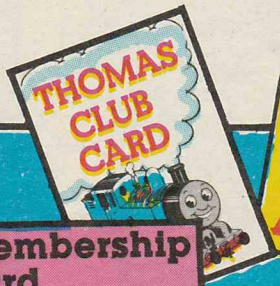

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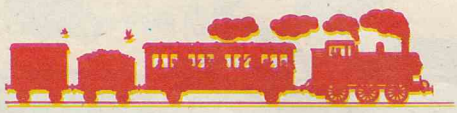

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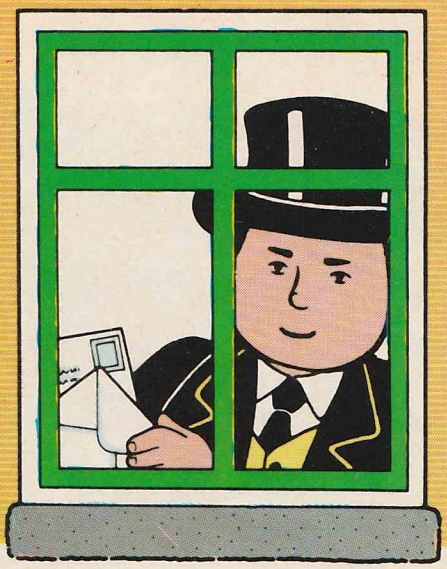

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER

Dear Fat Controller,

I couldn't start school this term because I had a pain in my tummy, just like Thomas did when he had a fish in his boiler. I felt poorly like Henry when he couldn't make enough steam. Special medicine made me better.

Love from **Lee**, aged 4½. Membership number 18665.

Whenever I have a tummy upset there's really nothing I like more than retiring to bed with a comforting hot water bottle.

Lee wins a set of **Thomas vinyl stickers** from *Scorpio Products International Ltd.*

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PRICKLY VISITOR!

Dear Fat Controller,

Last night a hedgehog finished my cat Pepper's supper. It was very naughty.

Love from **David.**

Goodness gracious me!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Firstly, here are some birthday greetings which were held up by the postal strike in September!

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And our best birthday wishes also go to:

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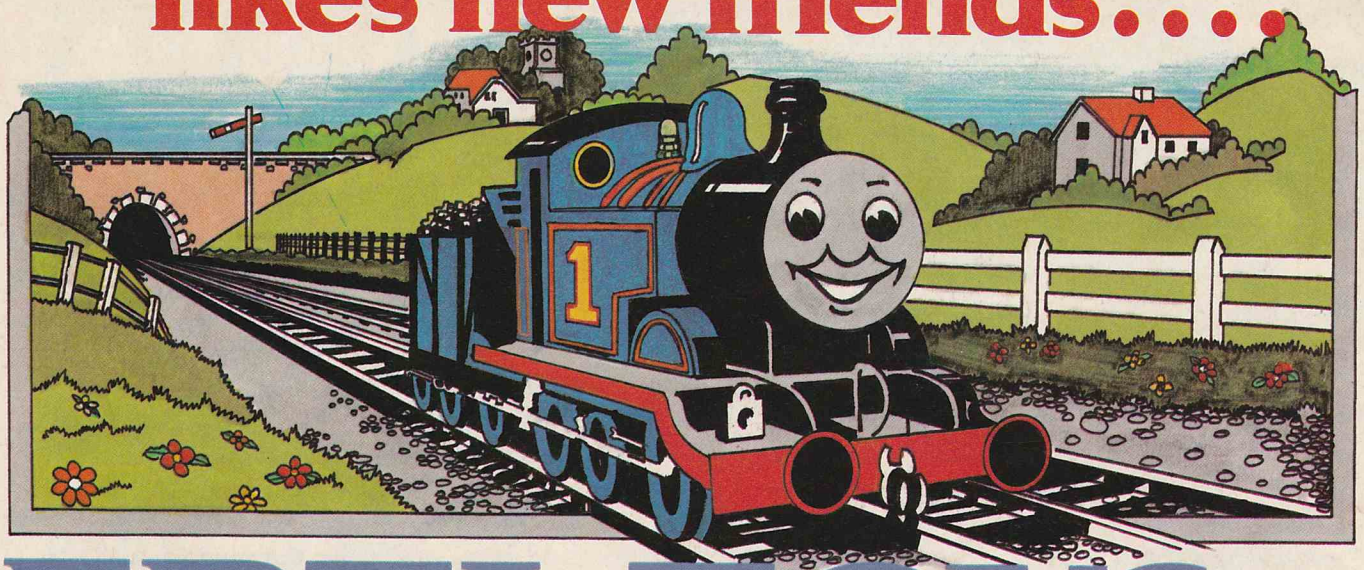

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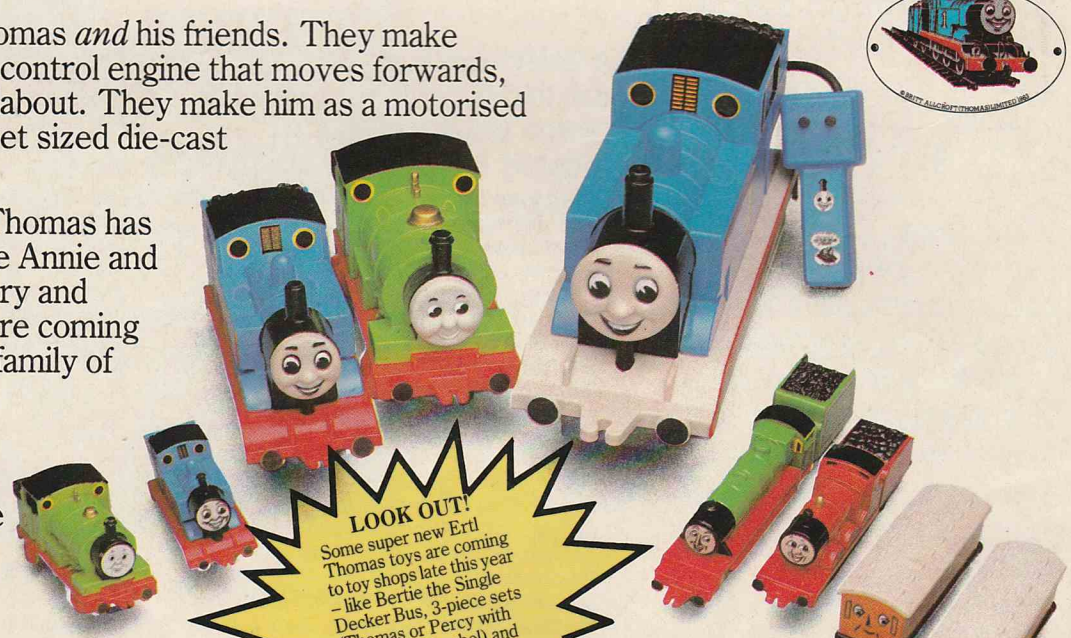

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